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Box PATENT APPLICATION  
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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: CIRCUIT FOR SELECTIVELY PROVIDING MAXIMUM OR  
MINIMUM OF A PAIR OF FLOATING POINT OPERANDS

Inventor: Guy L. Steele, Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 62 pages (incl. abstract and cover sheet), including 3 independent claims and 71 claims total.
2. Formal Drawings - 3 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-3).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc. (2 pages).
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	71	-	20	51	x \$18	918.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84	0.00
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\$740.00 filing fee;  
\$918.00 additional claims fee; and  
\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Total fees: \$1698.00

7. Applicant claims the right of priority based on Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Documents attached to this certificate:

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